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MEMORANDUM

To: Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Executive Leadership Team (ELT), Forest Service (FS) National Leadership Team (NLT)

From: Director, BLM, and Chief, FS

Subject: Working Together in Partnership: A Follow-up of Action Items from the ELT and NLT Meeting

At our Joint Leadership Conference in Lakewood, Colorado, we reiterated our commitment to working together in partnership. At the close of the meeting, we identified five areas for increased emphasis and efforts to further our working partnership. In order to further collaboration and integration of services, the following objectives will be initiated:

1. Integrate fuels reduction plans, targets, and implementation efforts in support of healthy forests;
2. Align Federal Activities Inventory Reform Act inventories and coordinate all out-year competitive sourcing studies;
3. Coordinate all Information Technology investments for compatibility of systems and applications;
4. Implement the collocation plan; and
5. Align priorities in the minerals and energy policies.

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Managers at the national and local levels can focus their interagency efforts for the next 3-5 years on these five objectives knowing we have some other excellent on-going opportunities in other areas as well. We recognize that action is needed at the national level to further enable the most effective and full implementation of these objectives. In that regard, we have identified the following people to work together to facilitate this implementation:

Implementation Team 2003-2004

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- Corbin Newman, National Fire Plan Leader
- Tom Fitzpatrick, Operations, Information Resources, WO
- Joan Golden, Deputy Director, Information Resources Management
- Dale Fabian, Acting Director, Acquisition Management
- Skip Underwood, Director, Minerals & Geology Management

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- Rob Collins, Group Manager, Office of Fire & Aviation, WO
- Janine Velasco, Group Manager, Management Systems
- Acting Deputy Assistant Director, Information Resources Management
- Bob Donelson, Senior Property Management Specialist
- Bob Anderson, Deputy Assistant Director, Minerals, Realty & Resource Protection

This group will work to resolve organizational barriers in these areas, propose solutions to our ELT and NLT, and champion implementation of the objectives.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to all the current and former members of the Service First Steering Committee for their contributions, as well as those individuals who have integrated the principles of working together into their everyday practice. The current thrust of these five objectives is a continuation of the good work that has been done and will continue as people in both of our agencies take on varying roles in implementing improvements in our work together.

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Summary of Agreements from Joint Leadership Team Conference (1 p)

**“Working Together Is How We Do Business”
Moving Beyond Service First
Conclusions from the Joint Leadership Conference
held in Lakewood, Colorado, October 2003**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Forest Service (FS) share similar missions, partners, issues, and constituents. To improve stewardship and service, the FS Chief and the BLM Director expect the agencies to work together at all levels on a regular and routine basis. The results will be better stewardship, public service, and more cost-effective government.

To do this we will:

1. Establish the same guidance, direction, standards, policy, and legislative initiatives within the two agencies whenever possible;
2. Hold regular meetings between the various Deputy Chiefs, Assistant Directors, and their staffs to build relationships and enhance sharing, learning, and issue resolution. Hold a regular joint Executive Leadership Team (ELT)/National Leadership Team (NLT) meeting;
3. Include a representative from the other agency on standing teams (e.g., the BLM ELT, the FS NLT, the BLM Field Committee, the FS Inter-Regional Ecosystem Management Coordination Group, and the FS Administrative Management Council to ensure coordination, collaboration, and accomplishment of collective goals;
4. Include BLM and FS representation on national and/or regional ad hoc teams formed to address issues of mutual interest;
5. Schedule time on NLT and ELT agendas to discuss issues of mutual importance, as appropriate;
6. Identify and implement opportunities to collaborate, share services, and integrate operations even if collocation is not warranted;
7. Implement the five objectives from the Joint Leadership Conference in Lakewood, Colorado, in October 2003, as outlined in the memorandum to which this is attached.